



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA
Leitrim County Council



**Áras an Chontae
Carrick on Shannon**

Tuesday, 31 August 2021

***Cathaoirleach agus Gach Ball,
COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA.***

A Chara,

A meeting of Leitrim County Council will be held in the **Bush Hotel, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim on Monday, 6 September 2021 at 11.00 am** for the purpose of considering the business set out on the Agenda hereunder.

You are hereby invited to attend.

As internet connectivity will be available in the meeting room, it is recommended that you bring your laptop/tablet to enable access to meeting papers through the Modern.Gov app.

Yours sincerely,

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Agenda

1. Adoption of Minutes 12th July 2021 (Pages 1 - 26)
2. Consider the adoption of the "Draft Bye-Laws to prevent the creation of and control litter within County Leitrim" pursuant to Section 57 (1) and (2) of the Protection of the Environment Act 2003 and Part 19 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Local Government Act, 2001 (Bye-laws) Regulations 2006 (Pages 27 - 32)
3. To consider having regard to the extraordinary circumstances arising from the risk to public health posed by the spread of COVID 19 and the disruption to the completion of the review of the Development Plan and the preparation of a new plan caused by restrictions introduced in response to the COVID 19 pandemic, whether a further period is necessary and appropriate to complete the review and to prepare and make a new Development Plan and the length of that period.

4. Fix the date of the Leitrim County Council Budget Meeting
5. Management Reports - June and July 2021 (Pages 33 - 78)
6. Commitments

Under Section 138(1) of the Local Government Act, 2001
7. Report from Corporate Policy Group
8. Attendance at conferences/training
9. Meeting Correspondence (Pages 79 - 126)

Notice of Motions

10. Motion from Councillor Enda Stenson:

After a wonderful summer/year of people out walking, jogging, cycling etc, may I compliment this Council on developing those amenities that facilitate these activities, and may I ask for a brief report, and timescale for the completion of walks, greenways, blueways and other such amenities throughout the county which will further greatly enhance tourism in the county.

11. Motion from Councillor Des Guckian:

That we write to the Taoiseach, the Tánaiste and the Minister for Agriculture seeking to have our river drainage boards reinstated, in this County, in order to alleviate the serious water-logging of agricultural land and very serious flooding in many areas. Also, that this motion be forwarded to the Councils of all neighbouring counties, as they, too, are in the same predicament.

12. Motion from Councillor Pádraig Fallon:

I propose that this Local authority write to both the Minister of Education and the Minister for Transport expressing our dissatisfaction around the issue of school transport, where concessionary ticket holders are again being denied school transport and ask that every effort is made to ensure that these students have access to the transport required. It is simply not good enough to inform students and parents of the withdrawal of this service three days before they return to school.

13. Motion from Councillor Enda McGloin:

I call on Leitrim County Council to review their PR and development strategy in relation to electric car charging points across our county. In particular, that we publish on our website a clear map with charge points, both public and private, and to develop further more points where they are badly needed, so that visitors to this county who drive electric vehicles are

accommodated.

14. Motion from Councillor Sean McDermott:

With regard to homelessness in the county, I ask what procedures are in place to deal with this issue when it happens, especially when it happens at short notice.

15. Motion from Councillor Sean McGowan:

I seek the support of members in calling on the Department of Education & Minister Norma Foley to provide additional funding for the school transport scheme. As a result of the Covid restrictions there is only 50% capacity on schools' buses serving second-level schools, with the result that there is a shortage of buses & drivers to serve the national schools and children who were availing of the concessionary tickets now find themselves missing out as a result.

16. Motion from Councillor Paddy O'Rourke:

I ask that Leitrim County Council support a call to the Department of Education to provide the additional resources to allow the schools transport section of Bus Eireann provide what is essential transport for students attending school. With reduced capacity in buses due to Covid-19 many with concession tickets are being left without transport at a very important time in their education with many families unable to meet the challenge of providing private transport.

17. Motion from Councillor Frank Dolan:

I ask how many LIS schemes are expected to be completed by the end of this year, and what sort of waiting list will remain after that?

18. Motion from Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire:

May I ask for outline of plans within LCC to ensure that CO2 emissions are kept to a minimum going forward. What proposals are in place in refurbishment of Council properties? I include public buildings, heritage sites and buildings, rented accommodation and public spaces in my query.

19. Motion from Councillor Felim Gurn:

The timescale for consultants to be put in place for the SLNCR greenway has taken over 3 months with the reason for the delay being the interaction of European and UK law. A timescale is needed for this greenway to be completed. It has been named in the recent North-South government agreement and yet we see other greenways starting ahead of it. With costs for construction increasing and a shortage of construction materials worldwide, the costs for the SLNCR, estimated at €450k per km, will increase greatly if the greenway is not completed as soon as possible.

20. Motion from Councillor Brendan Barry:

I ask Leitrim County Council how many people have presented as being homeless in County Leitrim in the last 12 months and what was done for these people? e.g. Were they offered a council property? Were they offered emergency accommodation? Were they given a sleeping bag and advised to find a rental property?

21. Motion from Councillor Justin Warnock:

With almost 1 million people on waiting lists for hospital care and at a time when we see a chronic haemorrhaging of our young trained doctors, nurses and other health care professionals from our country, I ask the elected members to support this motion in calling on An Taoiseach, Michael Martin and the Minister for Health, Stephen Donnelly to improve training conditions for our trainees, especially nurses and in return get a 2-3 year commitment from them to stay in Ireland when trained.

22. Motion from Councillor Ita Reynolds Flynn:

I ask that Leitrim County Council write to Department of Education regarding the issue of children with concessionary school transport tickets. Each year there is a problem with transport for pupils attending schools from primary to second level. In some cases, the bus has not enough seats and in other cases the larger bus seats are not filled. Each child is entitled to a bus to school within relevant guidelines. This seems to be country wide issue.

23. Motion from Councillor Mary Bohan

I propose that Leitrim County Council call on the Government to introduce a comprehensive housing grant scheme for the renovation or reconstruction of old and derelict houses in rural areas and in towns and villages.

24. Motion from Councillor Paddy Farrell:

Due to the high cost of building materials, is there any fund available to cover those new costs for older people and people with a disability, who have been approved for housing adaptation grants? If not, the council should look for a higher maximum grant from government. Applicants that have got quotation earlier from builders find when they are approved for a grant and want to proceed with the work, the price has gone up considerably.

25. Motion from Councillor Gerry Dolan:

The suckler farmer is the primary producer of calves for our beef industry. They need to be protected with a proper scheme rather than the current talk of cutting cow numbers to combat climate change. I ask this council to call on the minister of Agriculture, Food and the Marine to have a scheme to bring in changes to make suckler farm's more carbon efficient

rather than cutting numbers to the national herd. This would protect our national herd and the backbone of the beef industry.